

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 through 17. (canceled)

Claim 18. (new) Starting unit

with an input which can be connected to a drive and an output which can be connected to a load;

with a starting element in the form of a hydrodynamic component, comprising a primary impeller and a secondary impeller which together form a working compartment which can be filled with working fluid;

with a switchable clutch comprising at least two clutch elements which can be brought into a working frictional connection with one another directly or indirectly through additional transmission means -- a first clutch element and a second clutch element - which are connected with the input and the output at least indirectly in a rotationally fixed manner and which are actuated by means of a clutch actuation system;

with a housing enclosing at least one impeller in the axial direction forming at least one working fluid guide channel or chamber and connected to the primary impeller in a static or rotationally fixed manner;

the clutch actuation system of switchable clutch being at least indirectly connected to the working fluid guide channel or chamber as a pressure source, whereby the working fluid guide channel or chamber can be connected at least indirectly to a working fluid inlet channel;

characterized by the following features:

with means to influence the transmission ratio of the hydrodynamic component;

the means comprising pressure medium actuated integrated mechanical components which act least indirectly on the working circulation in the working compartment and which have an actuation system; whereby

the integrated mechanical components are implemented in the form of separate elements which can be introduced in to the working compartment or in the form of a partial region of the walls guiding the flow in the working compartment which can be moved in the axial direction or radial direction;

the pressure medium actuated integrated mechanical components being impinged upon by pressure medium from the inlet channel or the first working fluid guide channel or chamber,

whereby the position of the pressure medium actuated integrated mechanical components relative to the working compartment is a function of the differential pressure between the pressure medium diverted from the inlet channel or the first working fluid guide channel or chamber and the pressure in the interior of the housing in the area of the actuation system.

Claim 19. (new) Starting unit according to Claim 18, characterized by the fact that the pressure medium actuated integrated mechanical components take effect on an arbitrary diameter between the inner diameter and the outer diameter of the working compartment.

Claim 20. (new) Starting unit according to claim 18, characterized by the fact that the pressure medium actuated integrated mechanical components are guided either along the housing and/or along one of the two impellers – primary impeller or secondary impeller.

Claim 21. (new) Starting unit according to claim 18, characterized by the fact that the actuation systems of the individual integrated mechanical components are fastened to the housing connected to the primary impeller in a static or rotationally fixed manner.

Claim 22. (new) Starting unit according to claim 18, characterized by the fact that the actuation system of the individual integrated mechanical components are located at the clutch actuation system of the switchable coupling and are at least partially formed by it.

Claim 23. (new) Starting unit according to claim 21, characterized by the fact that the actuation system comprises a cylinder-piston unit, whereby the piston is connected to the integrated mechanical components.

Claim 24. (new) Starting unit according to Claim 23, characterized by the fact that the cylinder is formed by the wall of the housing or a separate integrated part in the housing or in the wall, particularly in the piston of clutch actuation system of the switchable clutch.

Claim 25. (new) Starting unit according to claim 18, characterized by the fact that the pressure medium is guided to the actuation system through at least one connecting line at least indirectly connected to the working fluid inlet channel and/or the working fluid guide channel or

chamber.

Claim 26. (new) Starting unit according to Claim 25, characterized by the fact that the connecting line is led inside the housing.

Claim 27. (new) Starting unit according to claim 25, characterized by the fact that the connecting line is connected through an intermediate chamber between clutch actuation system of switchable clutch to the actuation system of the integrated mechanical components.

Claim 28. (new) Starting unit according to claim 25, characterized by the fact that the connecting line is connected with a line extending in the clutch actuation system of the switchable clutch or with a line connected to that.

Claim 29. (new) Starting unit according to claim 18, characterized by the fact that the pressure medium actuated integrated mechanical components comprise a ring slide which can be moved in the axial direction and which is formed from at least a partially ring-shaped element extending in the circumferential direction.

Claim 30. (new) Starting unit according to claim 18, characterized by the fact that the pressure medium actuated integrated mechanical components are formed from a bolt-shaped element which can be moved in the axial direction.

Claim 31. (new) Starting unit according to claim 18, characterized by the fact that the integrated mechanical components are formed by a partial region of the wall of an impeller which is used to guide the flow circulation.

Claim 32. (new) Starting unit according to claim 18, characterized by the fact that the pressure medium actuated integrated mechanical components are located on the primary impeller.

Claim 33. (new) Starting unit according to claim 18, characterized by the fact that the pressure medium actuated integrated mechanical components are located on the secondary impeller.

Claim 34. (new) Starting unit according to claim 18, characterized by the fact that pressure medium actuated integrated mechanical components can be introduced into the gap between the individual impellers.

Claim 35. (new) Starting unit according to claim 19, characterized by the fact that the pressure medium actuated integrated mechanical components are guided either along the housing and/or along one of the two impellers – primary impeller or secondary impeller.

Claim 36. (new) Starting unit according to claim 19, characterized by the fact that the actuation systems of the individual integrated mechanical components are fastened to the housing connected to the primary impeller in a static or rotationally fixed manner.

Claim 37. (new) Starting unit according to claim 20, characterized by the fact that the actuation systems of the individual integrated mechanical components are fastened to the housing connected to the primary impeller in a static or rotationally fixed manner.

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